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TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ON WEST 4TH STREET

On May 13, 2009 at approximately 6:50am, Salem Police and Salem EMS personnel responded to a traffic accident in the parking lot of Domino's Pizza in the 500 block of West 4th St.

An investigation revealed that 55-year-old George Wells of Salem was driving a 2006 Saturn SUV and traveling east on West 4th St. Mr. Wells was preparing to turn left onto Elm St. when he apparently was stricken with a medical condition and lost control of his vehicle.

Mr. Wells was transported to Lewis Gale Medical Center, where he later was pronounced dead. His wife was a passenger in the vehicle and she sustained minor injuries, but did not seek medical attention.

The Domino's building sustained an estimated \$10,000 in damages. The building was not occupied at the time of the accident and traffic on 4th street was not interrupted.

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